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Good afternoon, Senator Ross, Representative Pluecker and Members of the Committee,

My family and I are life long residents of the Sandy River Valley in Norridgewock. We have had our property damaged during the December 23 flooding. Our Sandy River Group seeks to mitigate the damage to our farmland due to changing river patterns, and wish to have the legislation provide funding to study the changing river system.

This study could be conducted in conjunction with the new FEMA study which would save money. Please consider Sen. Blacks bill to kick start this study and ultimately save valuable farm land.

Some farm land currently sold in excess of 24000 dollars per acre. Just keep that in mind when deliberating this issue.

Sincerely,

Jim Hilton